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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: C. Larose
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: Group Art Unit: 2623
Application No.: 09/977,318)
: Filed: October 16, 2001)
: For IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
: APPARATUS THEREFOR AND)
: STORING MEDIUM) June 3, 2005

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REQUEST FOR A NEW OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants request that a new Office Action be issued in this case and that the period for reply thereto be reset to the mailing date of the new Office Action.

In this regard, Applicants have received an Office Action dated May 18, 2005 in the above-identified application, but page 15 thereof is missing.

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Thus, Applicants request issuance of a new Office Action and that the period for reply thereto be reset to commence with the mailing date of the new action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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